

TO : Chief, Security Support Division DATE: 14 December 1975
ATTN: [REDACTED]
FROM: Chief, Interrogation Research Division
SUBJECT: S.E. #79367 CIA 725017

FACTS OF THE INTERVIEW

1. Subject of this report is a thirty-five-year-old married male, an alien of Caucasian origin, who has been covertly utilized by the Agency since 1962.
2. Subject was previously debriefed on 23 February 1972, 25 February 1973, 10 December 1973; 24 & 26 Oct 1973; 17 October 1974 (two day debriefing); and 22 & 23 1975. After the initial type debriefing and review (which had specific information and did not touch on the sensitive dealing with Subject's background), it was determined that a more detailed debriefing of Subject at the first of January, 1975 was feasible. This occurred in "A" mode ("A", and consequently, the code name "A" was used) because the [REDACTED] attached to receive the information contained in CIA 725017 in Subject's autobiography.
3. The result of the 12/10/74 debriefing is contained in item "A." A review of this 12/10/74 debriefing by "A" disclosed vague and indefinite and certain inconsistencies. Further, the end of the interview was found to be at variance with factual reality. In 1974, there was a letter of record by D.D. through a memorandum to the DDCI (Attachment "A").
4. Subject was currently debriefed and polygraphed at a cover location in Washington, D.C. on 19 and 20 October 1975. It was requested by [REDACTED], 10/19/75, that debriefing be conducted, subject to [REDACTED], 10/19/75, stipulation; that prior to debriefing, Subject's [REDACTED]. Subject would have to clarify and explain falsehoods in his disclosure of evidence in his autobiography. The entire interview was conducted in the Caucasian language.

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of the current debriefing, was to receive the disclosure of choice will appear in Subject's personal history. Although Subject had previously undergone many interrogations, both with and without the aid of the polygraph, it was still evident, from a review of his file,

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Including his first oral debriefing conducted by J/FB in October 1958, subject has undergone 16 separate interviews in which he has been asked to describe his activities at the time of his capture, his subsequent interrogation, his debriefings, and his recall of the events of his capture, testifying on a variety of the newly acquired information.

2. At the start of the first oral debriefing, Subject stated that of his (the debriefing's) purpose, he had intended that a repetition of his previous accounts at December 10, 1958, be placed before him so that he could "object" if he already knew the information. In the debriefing session, and at first the examiner said "not one word of untrue" would come from his lips during the current interview.

3. Subject reiterated his previous, given reasons for his participation and attempt to flee Korea (stated in J.S. 20017 re-orts dated 27 November 1958, para 2 b iii, sub-para 1-1; May 1959, para 1-1, sub-para 1-1; third debriefing report, dated 22 October 1958, page 16, last paragraph). However, he strongly emphasized the fact that his reason, as given to [redacted] (J.S. debriefing, October 1958) was the absolute truth.

4. In answer to the question of how he was able, in the past, to be so consistent in giving a deceitful account, subject stated that he always had an "outline form" where the main points of his false autobiography were recorded. Consequently, whenever he was called upon to relate facts about his personal history, he could always refer to this "outline form" and come up with a consistent (misstated) autobiography. Subject was asked whether he had in his possession, this "outline form." He replied in the negative.

5. The entire first day, 19 November, was spent debriefing Subject on his past in the Soviet Union and Germany up to 1945. It became evident after the first hour of debriefing, that the information which Subject was contributing (to the examiner) did not correspond with the information he gave [redacted] in the last debriefing. Subject was allowed to give his version of each phase of his life. Once he concluded each phase, he would be confronted with and questioned about the discrepancies existing between the information given to the examiner, and that which he had given [redacted]. In several cases he stated that no need to [redacted], as both the current version and the true ones in other instances, when confronted with conflicting versions, were trying to be part of the situation by attempting to give an explanation for the conflict. This explanation was usually very weak at times, occasionally ill-founded and unconvincing and, in other instances, an out-and-out lie.

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6. At the conclusion of the first day's debriefing, after Subject was confronted with numerous facts which reflected with his current autobiographical version was in conflict with information previously given by him, he stated that he be given some time to think and consolidate his thoughts and facts about his past--in fact, he offered to stand the night of 19 November writing his autobiography. The examiner agreed and debriefing was terminated for that day.

7. When Subject came in on 20 November, he referred to some rough notes which he had scribbled the night before (he had not written out a complete autobiography as he had promised) and repeated the same basic autobiographical version, specifically concerning the areas in which he was caught lying the day before. The examiner was convinced beyond all doubt that Subject had again reverted to the use of his "outline form" to refresh his memory. Subject, however, denied that he consulted or made reference to any "form" to refresh his memory.

LESSONS LEARNED

The following additional information, developed during Subject's current debriefing, is set down in synopsis form. An elaboration and the details relating to each of the points above is contained in the "Details of the Report" section.

- a. Subject admitted that he was recruited by German Intelligence in 1942 to work as their informer against the Circassians (his own people).
- b. Subject said he was instructed by a representative of German Intelligence, in 1942, to "volunteer" for service with the 83rd Circassian Battalion so that he could perform his "informant" duties more efficiently.
- c. Subject admitted to current correspondence with his relatives and friends, and with his wife's relatives in U.S.A. (since late 1951).
- d. Subject stated that he was never in contact as he previously claimed, but was comrade in the 11th "Vladimir" while serving his one-year prison sentence (from 1940 to 1941).
- e. Subject admitted that he falsified the extent of his education.

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- f. Subject admitted that he was a semi-deserter from the German Army for eleven months after his release from the hospital in the summer of 1945.
- g. Minor unresolved discrepancies noted in the "Details of the Report" section.
- h. Continued unresolved discrepancies regarding his activities while under German jurisdiction (1943-1945).

CONCLUSION

1. On the basis of current debriefing and polygraph testing, as well as free observation of Subject's behavior during his debriefing, it is the examiner's opinion that Subject is an incorrigible fabricator who is still attempting deception about his past.
2. Subject's explanation for initially attempting to falsify and fabricate part of his autobiography to the Americans may have been originally understandable in light of the existing circumstances, as Subject explained them. It was his desire to increase his (Subject's) personal stature and importance in the eyes of those (Germans and Soviets) interested in utilizing him. Subject also wished to maintain continuity with his previously given false autobiographical version (to the Americans in Moscow) so that he could return to the United States (Reference: SA/DCI debriefing, dated October 1959, page 15, paragraph 4-6, Attach. 4B). However, the above points cannot be accepted, at this time, as reasons for his continued attempts at deception to the American authorities. At present, there is no one left to impress with Subject's non-existent stature and capability; neither is there any necessity to maintain continuity of a fabricated autobiographical version to facilitate his entrance into the United States. As Subject himself informed this examiner, he can realize, and is convinced, that American Intelligence is interested more in Subject's capabilities than in what Subject says he can do. Yet, even though Subject is aware of this existing situation--in fact, he has realized it since the August 1951 debriefing--he knows that further fabrication will not help his case, he persists in fabrication, and uttering deception about his past during every session spent with him. He lied during the last two debriefing sessions, the SA/DCI debriefing in October 1959, and the first day (19 November 1959) of the current debriefing.

3. If Subject does not have the capacity or the inclination to relate only the unvarnished truth about himself and his past, and if he

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continues to falsify and fabricate about his past, even recently a re-appraisal of Subject should be considered prior to utilizing him in the future.

4. The examiner can only draw one final conclusion about subject and his unceasing deceitful attempts during interrogation. The reason why subject is continuing deception about his background must be so important and pertinent to subject's welfare that he cannot afford to tell the complete truth about his past without seriously jeopardizing his future.

5. No further polygraph testing of subject is recommended. The current polygraph testing was attempted only because subject gave additional data which heretofore he had not divulged. However, after polygraph testing, it is still evident that subject is practicing deception.

DETAILS OF THE REPORT

1. Information obtained during the debriefing of subject is set forth in the same order as received from subject with particular reference to the discrepancies as they were discovered. To further underline the extent of subject's fabrications, these false versions are recorded in chronological order, in a side-by-side comparative form i.e., the current version, which is supposed to be the unvarnished truth, as compared to the former versions (specifically the S/DOB, October 1953 version), as well as other earlier statements made by subject to his debriefers.

DEBRIEFING ON 19 NOV 1959

Subject's Current Version

Name - Ticharim
Subject has a permanent passport which lists his name as Nidal Karim
ENIGMAEZCVA (L-110), X/A Ticharim

Date of Birth - 26 August 1924

Subject's Previous Versions

Same information on all other debriefings.

CP/DOB and August 1951 Debriefer
1924 - 26 August 1924

All debriefings in order to include
1927 - 1 January 1946

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Place of Birth - Takhtasukai Aal
(village) Takhtasukai Karen,
Krasnodarskiy Kray.

Education - Attended Takhtasukai
Primary School from 1930 or 1931,
completing five classes in six
years by 1936 or 1937.

Attended School of Viroinfectors
six-month course in 1937 or 1938
in Arzavir.

Subject admitted he lied to all previous debriefers about the extent
of his schooling. He could not give a logical explanation for this lie.

Change of Age - Arranged through a
friend in 1939 for the record of his
date of birth to be changed to 1921.
Purpose of this change of date of
birth record was so that Subject
could be drafted into the Army three
years sooner.

When asked why no question of this age change was raised later, when
Subject was called by the Army Draft Board, he could give no logical ex-
planation.

Application for Komsomol membership
submitted a petition for membership
three or four times prior to leaving
class in 1936 or 1937. Rejected each
time because of bad conduct in school
and because one of his uncles left
USSR and lived in Turkey.

Same information in all
previous debriefings.

SR/DG Debriefing - Born
on 1 January 1921 and entered
the 8th class in 1939.

August 1957 Debriefing - Began
the 9th class.

All debriefers refer to
1937 - as the year of completion of
military academy.

No mention of this school in any
previous debriefings.

SR/DG Debriefing - Date of
birth record changed in 1939.

August 1957 Debriefing - Date
of birth record changed in
1937 or 1938.

SR/DG Debriefing - No mention
of this fact.

August 1957 Debriefing - Applied
and was rejected more than once
because of family background -
because his father and brother
were politically unreliable.

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Application for Associate Membership
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October 1937 Refusal -
Subject was denied application
to the Komsomol between
1936 and 1937.

When questioned as to his age at the time of application for membership to the Komsomol, Subject said he was approximately 12 or 13 years old.
He had not made any efforts as yet to change the record of his date of birth.

Examination Notes: The minimum age of Komsomol candidate is 16 years. The Subject was admitted with this fact—trying to join the Komsomol at an age when he wouldn't even be considered for membership—Subject was at a loss for words and could give no logical explanation for this discrepancy. Subject's explanation that he was accepted by the local Komsomol unit and rejected by the regional (rayon) unit, reflects that the Regional Komsomol Unit must have had Subject's complete autobiography (true date of birth included) in order to be able to come to a decision regarding Subject's case.

Employment: In 1937 or 1938, when he completed his classes, Subject began working as a clerk assistant to the bookkeeper of the Kolkhoz in Tushinikai. He worked for six months and then went to Arzavir to attend the Disinfectors' School for six months.

Employment and August 1937 Refusal - In 1937, he began working as a bookkeeper for one of the Tashinukai Kolkhozes until he was drafted in October 1940.

All employment prior to August 1937 - Military conscription and service.

Examiner's Notes: If Subject finished school in May 1936, worked in the Kelsuza for approximately six months (November 1936), and received additional schooling (six months in Arzavir, June 1937), then the question arises as to what he did from June 1937, or even from the end of 1937, until he was drafted into U.S. Army in autumn (September or October) of 1940. A period of approximately three years (1938-1940) remains unaccounted for. If Subject enrolled in Komsomol in May 1937, and we rule the above mentioned activities to fill the gaps of his life (approximately each by one year), a period of two years (1939-40) still remains unaccounted for.

When the above conflicting facts were mentioned to Subject, he could not give a satisfactory explanation other than to agree that he must be omitting something about his past which he cannot recall.

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Military Service - Subject initially claimed he was called for the draft by Novoyevenkomat in the autumn of 1939. However, when it was pointed out to him that in 1939, he did not yet attain draft age, and therefore, could not have been called (even if his record of DCM was altered), Subject reconsidered and claimed the date of his draft call to autumn of 1940. He also stated that he was called by and reported to Takhtamukai Rayon, Kraut, Second Section (district), and passed through a medical commission, etc. He was told to report to RVK in one or two months, and was called to report one and a half months after the initial call. No documents of any type were demanded of Subject to verify his identity.

Subject was questioned as to why he was not asked for identity documents by the RVK, especially since he resided in Takhtamukai all his life. He was born there, therefore, had a birth certificate; he went to school there, therefore, records of his age were in existence in the school records; he worked there, therefore, indications of his identity and age existed; he submitted applications for Komsomol membership, therefore, evidence of his true age was available both at the Takhtamukai Komsomol unit level and the Regional Komsomol level. Subject was then asked why there were no questions regarding his true age--no legal explanations could be obtained from Subject.

Arrests - Subject was arrested on a charge of locality, a few days before reporting for military duty in October 1940. He was sentenced by the People's Court to one year in re-education under Criminal Code Article 7th, part 1 or 2. He was first sent to the Krasnodar Jail where he spent seven days and from there was transferred to the Labor Colony in Krasnodar (for short-termers), where he stayed for two months. He was then transferred to Vil'nius Island, and with other prisoners, helped to build an airfield.

Initial Debriefing - Included in the draft back in autumn 1940 and was about to be drafted. Subject did not appear before a screening or medical commission, but was ordered to report to Takhtamukai Rayon.

August 1957 Debriefing - In October 1940, Subject was called for military duty by RVK. In addition, he went through two days medical training and screening--accepted, and was told to report the next day for duty.

All Debriefings Prior to August 1957 - Subject fabricated his military career in all his pre-1957 debriefings.

1958 Debriefing - Subject was arrested for rebellion in the fall of 1940 under Criminal Code 7th, part 1. He served one or two weeks of his term in the transit jail and then transferred to Krasnodar Rayon to build a military airfield. Subject remained there until the beginning of the war.

August 1957 Debriefing - Differs from the current version primarily

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Arrests (Cont'd)

Subject mentioned that while he was in the Vinnitsa or labor colony, his brother, [redacted], was also serving a two or three year term, having been sentenced under the 109th Statute or the Criminal Code. [redacted] was released in 1941. He had been previously imprisoned in 1935 or 1936, and was expelled from the Communist Party at that time.

Time Spent in the Vinnitsa Labor Colony and Return to Russia - Subject stated he spent about six months in the Vinnitsa Oblast' labor colony in 1935, [redacted]. Subject recently saw [redacted] (executed in 1943), dated 27 August 1947 as [redacted]; and during a discussion of their past, the latter told Subject that the labor colony was located 30 or 40 kilometers inside the Vinnitsa Oblast', and not in Polotsk as Subject formerly indicated.

At the outbreak of the war on 22 June 1941, Subject and other inter-towners were allowed to go from Vinnitsa Oblast' labor colony to a camp four or five kilometers outside of Smolensk. Subject stated that it took him approximately 9 or 10 days to make the trip. He added that he had trouble with his feet (his soles were either blistered or full of scabs), and that he rarely combed his hair. Upon arrival to the Smolensk area, Subject discovered that his criminal certificate of premature release free prisoner was obtained by someone else (Subject found out later that it was [redacted]). However, Subject obtained a duplicate certificate and made his way back home via train. He arrived in Taldomsk in August 1941.

In what subject stated [redacted] was sent to a region near [redacted], and not Vinnitsa.

1941 Arrest Date - Registration - Previously, [redacted] subject stated that he ([redacted]) was imprisoned under the 111th Statute of the Criminal Code, that he was deported from the Germanist, [redacted] in 1935, and at the same time, was sentenced to two years of hard labor.

In all previous debriefings, subject said that he spent time in the Belozersk labor colony and not in Vinnitsa Oblast'.

In all previous debriefings, substantially the same information was given in regard to [redacted] as of subject's identity in order to get his [redacted]'s) certificate of premature release from prison.

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Time spent in the Vil'nuis Poston labor
Camp and return to Krasnodar (continued)

A few days later, subject met [REDACTED] and found out that it was [REDACTED] who claimed Subject's certificate of release. [REDACTED], on the basis of Subject's certificate of release, had already received a three or five year passport in Krasnodar under Subject's identity.

[REDACTED] Debriefing - Subject met [REDACTED] two weeks after Subject's return home. [REDACTED] promised Subject that he ([REDACTED]) would go to Krasnodar and get a passport there, using Subject's name. He already had a release certificate, also under Subject's name.

August 1957 Debriefing - After
the German occupation [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] returned Subject's papers.

Examiner's Note

1. Subject was asked to estimate the daily mileage covered by him during the trip from Vil'nuis Oblast' to the Smolensk area. He estimated a minimum average of five miles a day, and a maximum of 10 miles a day. Subject was then questioned as to the possibility (physically) of traveling by foot (which he claimed to have done), from the Vil'nuis Oblast' region to the Smolensk suburbs, a distance of roughly 300 miles in 9 or 10 days. This would require a minimum average of 30 miles daily, which is quite an undertaking, considering that Subject was on a diet which restrictions for the past nine months, and had no rationing except what he jacked up during the forced march to Zolotukha. Subject could not logically explain how he managed the trip, in this span of time, except to insist that he did.

2. Subject was also asked how [REDACTED] was able to change Subject's identity and receive Salijoot's certificate of immature release since each prisoner's file also contained his photograph.

3. Subject could give no logical explanation, and claims that it just happened. Subject could not explain why he allowed another individual ([REDACTED]) to use his identity, especially since the other resided in the same general area as Subject (10 kilometers away, Krasnodar). Subject denied that he gave [REDACTED] permission to use his (Salijoot's) name when the former was obtaining a passport, as indicated in the ER/DOB Debriefing.

4. Subject was asked to give details of his trip back home from Smolensk--the time it took, etc. He could contribute absolutely nothing regarding this period.

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Permituation - During questioning, the subject did not seem to mind. In a foreign area in Pakistan, he was not required to have any passport or any identity documents. Consequently, he did not have any such documents prior to August or September 1951.

Subject stated that after returning home from the Pakistan area, he went to the Pakistan National Agency office, there, on the basis of his certificate of premature release from prison, received his identity card (i.e., temporary passport). Subject described his identity card as being blue with watermarked pages, issued for a one-year period.

Examination

1. It is the examiner's understanding that when a Soviet citizen leaves, is released, after serving his prison term, he receives only a short-term passport (if he lives in a country where there is necessary for presenting such a document) or identity card. Subject corroborated this fact by stating that upon his release, he could obtain only a short-term (one-year type) identity document, and that this short-term document was issued on the basis of his certificate of premature release from prison.
2. Subject was asked how he was not required to have a passport prior to September 1951 and why suddenly, on his return from Russia, he was required and received a temporary passport. His answer was that he wanted an identity document. Subject was closely questioned on this situation. He was asked how it was possible for the man (Subject) to receive a short-term identity document on the basis of a sixteen-month certificate, valid at the same time, and another (_____), again, a similar document (Subject's original certificate of prison release) and obtain Subject's identity, nor able to receive a twelve- or fifteen-year permanent type passport especially when all this took place within a 10-mile radius of the area where there were two individuals released. Subject's reaction to this question was a shrug of his shoulders, a shaking of his head, and silence. When pressed for a clearer explanation, Subject could not provide one. His only comment was, "This is how it happened."

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One aspect of this interview was not covered during this interview.

Temporary Passport - (Continued on reverse side) Part (1).
Subject stated that he had no material evidence of the subject which had above an identity card issued for a one-year period. However, no mention is made of when, or on the basis of which qualifying documents this identity card was initially issued to subject.

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First Marriage - Subject stated that he first married his third wife, Maria (L-L-L), who was married in 1912 for a period of three months. Subject stated that she died some time in 1942, however, he does not know any details about her death.

Service in the Soviet Military Labor Battalion - As a private ex. officer in 1931, Subject was drafted into a labor battalion. He served there until July 1932, at which time Subject deserted, he re-enlisted with the labor battalions, building a Soviet defense mobilization in the Caucasus.

Service with the German Circassian Field Gendarmerie Battalion - Subject was one of many Circassians to serve the German Gendarmerie in Crep... when they occupied Terek, dated in August 1942.

Two days after the arrival of the German Occupation Forces, Subject was elected Deputy to the Chief of the Circassian Militia of the mountainous Sayan. Subject was in charge of 32 men in this militia group. Subject stated that he was elected to this position only on the basis of his family background, and no other reason. He explained that 10 per cent of the populated village was inhabited by his relatives. At the same time, Subject's brother was elected as Mayor of Terek, also because of the same reason that Subject was elected to his respective position, i.e., strong family influence in the village. Subject was asked whether he gave the Germans any false information about his background at this time (his date of birth, etc.), and he replied in the negative.

Baby 124 Pervukha - Subject is aware of the fact that his wife died prior to going over to the Germans. (Two individuals having the same name, spelled E-V-E-L-Y, were reported in this report.)

ACM Pervukha - There is no record of him as a first wife.

SP/RS Pervukha - Same basic information is contained except that Subject stated that he deserted the labor battalion in the spring of 1942.

SP/RS Pervukha - Same basic information is contained in this briefing.

SP/RS Pervukha - Reflects that upon recommendation of a group of elders, Subject was elected as the head of the local militia. Subject stated, in this same briefing, that he told the Germans that he was born in 1913, in order to appear older and thereby, obtain the position of Chief of Militia.

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Service with the German Garrison Field
Gendarmerie (Tschiffir) - Subject

Subject explained that this would have been a futile attempt on his part since everyone in the village knew about his true biographical facts. If subject, at this time, falsified information about his background, the Germans would have been able to discover this without difficulty. Subject added that possibly he did show to the German authorities, a military identity card (Soviet) which may have had his birth date listed as 1921.

Service with the German Army - Subject
remained with the East German Militia
Group from August 1942 until October
1942. He stated that he resigned from the militia and volunteered for duty with the 03rd North Caucasian Bat- talion (which was made up of Chechenian prisoners of war). Subject stated, at this time, that the reason for his resignation from the militia was because the Germans wanted subject to inform on the local population, which he refused to do.

Subject said that he received the rank of a platoon commander in the 03rd Battalion solely on the basis of the fact that he was Deputy to the Chief of the Militia. Subject said that the version he gave [redacted] was incorrect.

Subject's Hospitalization Due to
Camp Disease - Subject was wounded
in February 1943 and sent to Belitskoi
Hospital for four or five months to
re recuperate from a shoulder wound. He
left this hospital in July 1943.

August 1957 Recalling - Subject
held his position with the militia
from August 1942 until January 1943.
Subject volunteered for service with
the 03rd Battalion in the middle of
January 1943.

1/1957 Recalling - Subject held
this position until January 1943,
then he voluntarily joined the Ger-
man Army.

7/1957 Recalling - Subject said
that he was Deputy to the Battalion
company officer; that he finished
the Military Academy in Chirkou-
khil'ye and, as a result, received
the rank of a platoon commander.

12/1957 Recalling - Subject was
wounded in January 1943 and sent to
a German Field Hospital in Belitskoi
where he remained until October or
November 1943 to recuperate from a
shoulder wound.

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Subject's Story of November 1944
In November 1944, subject was sent to the Headquarters of the German Army near Stal, subject was sent to the rear area, to the Headquarters of the German Legion for repatriation. In September or October 1943, subject was sent to join the German Battalion near Nikolayev; however, subject never reached Nikolayev, but stopped in Odessa instead.

Subject's Story - November 1944
Subject was sent to the rear area near Stal, subject was sent to join the German Legion, which was being reorganized near Stal, subject was sent to the rear area near Stal January 1944 when he was assigned to join the German Battalion, which was made up of Germans who had occupied positions near Nikolayev, however, instead of Nikolayev, subject stopped in Odessa.

Subject's Participation in the Evacuation of Circassian refugees from Odessa to Romania

1. The only similarity between the SA/PGI Debriefing version and the current version that subject gives about this episode is the fact that he was in charge of and travelled with a group of Circassian refugees from Odessa to Rosteti, Romania.

2. The descriptions of the events and circumstances leading up to and including subject's acknowledgement of this fact are inconsistent, vague, full of discrepancies (when his story is challenged), and in this examiner's opinion, a deliberate fabrication. Subject was thoroughly mixed up when he related or tried to explain the details concerning the period of his life. He was caught in deliberate lies over the sequence of events leading up to his being ordered to take charge of the refugee evacuation he fabricated about the whereabouts of his brother, as, at that time; and, about his (subject's) association with the SS Division, which was stationed in Le Havre, France.

3. In short, this examiner, after reading all the available details subject originally gave about his end of his life, and Debriefing included, as well as the two different versions he gave him, comes to the conclusion that after release from the hospital, E. (subject) was a deserter from the German Army for II months—existing on confidential and secret official documents.

4. Subject summed up his activity (from the time he left the hospital until May 1945) very briefly, on the second day of our current interview, as stating that after release from the hospital, E. (subject) was a deserter from the German Army for II months—existing on confidential and secret official documents.

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5. Subject's 19 November 1959 version of his activities, from time of his release from the hospital until May 1945, differed from the version he gave on 20 November 1959 after he had a chance (the night before) to reach out an outline, to which he made reference.

DEBRIEFING ON 20 NOVEMBER 1959

1. As previously indicated, Subject, on 20 November 1959, gave a revised version of the story he gave the day before about the period July 1943 to May 1945. Since the examiner felt that it was futile to continue to attempt to get the true version of the above phase of Subject's life, this attempt was discontinued.
2. A review of Subject's file reflects that the following document, Attachment #1-A-157—was issued to Subject by the German authorities in 1942. Below is a reproduction of the document translated into English from German:

The Mayor of the area

date 30.12.1942

MACHTAUMLI

The Oberleutnant and Chief of the Circassian Field Police Tschirim

born on 1.1.1918 in Tschataukai, North Caucasus is authorized to search all villages in my area.

Authority: Special order from German Field Command No. 910 of 26.12.1942

D/10, 704/12.

This permit is valid together with soldier book No. 116763 issued by the commanding officer of the SS and SD Bureau in Kraunstorf on 15.10.42.

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The Mayor	(signature)	/Chatir/
Secretary	(signature)	/Schandjan/

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This document reflects that:

- A) it was issued on 30 December 1942;
- B) it was issued on a basis of a special order from German field commanding No. 540 on 26 December 1942;
- C) it authorizes subject as a representative of the Circassian field police, to search all villages in his area;
- D) Subject was, on date of issue of this document, a member of the militia (field police);
- E) this document is valid, together with a Soldier's Book No. 145763, issued by the Commanding Officer of the LS and SB Bureau in Krasnodar on October 15, 1942; and
- F) Subject was born on 1 January 1918.

Subject was asked to explain in detail everything about the above-mentioned document, the original of which was shown to him without allowing him the opportunity to closely examine the document.

3. Subject stated that this document was issued to him by the German authority while he (subject) was still the Deputy Chief of the Circassian Militia in Krasnodar. It was issued prior to October 1942, and Subject was absolutely positive of this, before he joined the 83rd Circassian Battalion. Subject said the document was primarily for the purpose of authorizing him to search all villages in his area. Subject emphasized that at the time he received this document, he was still a member of this militia, and had not yet volunteered for service with the 83rd Battalion.

4. When Subject was confronted with the fact that the date of issue of this document was December 1942, approximately two and one half months after he joined the 83rd Battalion, he recalled not understanding how this was possible, stating that he probably made a mistake about the date of enrollment in the militia. Subject was next confronted with the fact that this document reflected that he received his Soldier's book in Krasnodar on 15 October 1942. Subject immediately stated that he received a temporary Soldier's book two weeks prior to this, so that he actually joined the 83rd Battalion. Subject also intimated that 30 December 1942 (date of issue of this document) was, in all probability, a typographical error. Subject was then informed that the authority for this document was based on the German field Command No. 540, dated 26 December 1942, and that it

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was a very remote possibility that typographical mistakes were made throughout the whole document. Subject was asked if he ever indicated to the German authorities if he was born in 1918. He answered in the negative.

5. The examiner proceeded to confront Subject with the fact that the story he gave about his service with the Caucasian Field Police did not reflect the true facts, at least not on the basis of the above document. Subject, after various attempts at explaining these discrepancies, stated in desperation, that he could not logically explain why this official document did not coincide with his version, as he gave it previously. When it was pointed out to Subject that the examiner did not accept his explanation and that the examiner had a responsibility in explaining these discrepancies to his superiors, Subject's only answer was, "Tell them (his superiors) that I'm lying, and that I can't logically explain these discrepancies."

6. After further interrogation, Subject finally admitted that he did lie to the examiner, as well as to his previous debriefers, about his association with German Intelligence. In fact, prior to giving the true story of his association with German Intelligence, Subject requested that the examiner not take notes.

7. Subject gave the following story about his association with German Intelligence in 1942. After the Germans occupied Talditamukai in 1942, and after Subject was elected to his position with the militia, he was approached and recruited by a German Intelligence officer, Hans LNU, who was with the SS or SD. Approximately the same time, the Caucasian Battalion was being formed by the Germans. Since the bulk of the personnel of this battalion was made up of Caucasian prisoners of war, the Germans were interested in knowing the battalion morale problem, as well as the general feeling the Caucasians had towards the German authorities. The Germans did not trust the Caucasians who were in the 83rd Battalion and recruited Subject to act as informant on his own people (Caucasians). Subject agreed, and began observing the actions and the conduct of his fellow Caucasians in Talditamukai area and the 83rd Battalion.

8. Subject stated that he often visited the Mayor's (CHATIT) office in Talditamukai, and while there, went to the back office to report to the German Intelligence officer, Hans, regarding anything of importance. Subject added that Hans instructed him to join the 83rd Battalion so that he could perform his informant functions about the battalion personnel, with more efficiency and less suspicion. Subject stated that he volunteered for the 83rd Battalion in orders given to him by Hans to do so.

9. After Subject joined the 83rd Battalion, he still reported to Hans quite often. Subject's frequent visits to Hans, as well as his inquisitiveness about different personalities in his village, caused suspicion among

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the residence of Takhmashev, and there were reasons that he (Subject) was informant for the Germans. In order to divert their attention and eliminate him, the German intelligence officer issued an document (noted above) passed to Subject. With this document, Subject would have an excuse to visit Takhmashev and to look around without casting any suspicion on himself. Although the document was indicated by the German intelligence officer, it was issued by the Circassian Major and Secretary, so that to all intents and purposes the authority for this permit or document was of Circassian origin. Subject stated that this document was of help to him, and that there were no further rumors or allegations that he was working as an informant for the Germans. Actually he worked for the enemy of the German Intelligence, as their informant, from the initial German occupation until Subject was wounded and went to the hospital in February 1943.

10. Subject's only other contact with representatives of German Intelligence was in 1944, when he was in Berlin. At that time, a German Intelligence officer (S. or S.) indicated to Subject that he knew of Subject's former U.S. or SS contacts.

11. Subject was asked if he had ever signed any secrecy agreements for German Intelligence; if he had ever made any written reports to German Intelligence; if he had ever made any oral reports to the German Intelligence; and if, on the basis of his reporting, any Circassian or Soviet was punished. Subject answered in the negative to each of these questions. Subject did, however, say that on one occasion, he could not recall specifically when, he was ordered to take charge of an execution of a Soviet partisan. He said that he himself did not fire, but was in charge of the execution detail.

12. Subject further outlined an incident which occurred while he was an informer for the German Intelligence in 1942. After the 835th Battalion's retreat from Karginetaya, some of the Circassian soldiers of the battalion planned to take over IZIL' (written in July 1941, dated 27 August 1941) plateau, capture its German officer, and surrender to the advancing Soviet forces. While this conspiracy was being planned, in a hut, 200 ft. off the front of the men, unexpectedly entered the hut. The rebels thought their conspiracy was discovered and that the hut was surrounded, therefore, Subject to speak, their plan to capture the German officer to give to the Soviets. Since that the leader of the conspiracy, carried him out, and told the rebellious Circassians that if they did as they had planned, the Germans would have undoubtedly executed, as a reprisal measure, all Circassians in the nearby villages. Subject related nothing of this incident to the German authorities. Subject said he knew nothing of this planned conspiracy until Heng, the German intelligence officer, went into his office soon

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after the incident, called him a S.O.B., and ordered Subject to find them. Shortly after this, the whole 33rd Battalion was called into formation, the conspirators were lined up before the battalion, second of their planned revolt, sentenced to death immediately, and executed by a firing squad before the 33rd Battalion, as a lesson for any future conspirators. Subject again underlined that he had no part in reporting this incident to the German Intelligence man, Hano.

Correspondence with individuals in U.S. - Subject admitted to currently corresponding with [REDACTED] (III-111), his father-in-law, who resides in [REDACTED], [REDACTED], U. R. Subject's wife, Gasmiano, and Subject found out, in late 1957, through Circassian friends in Jordan, that [REDACTED] was alive in the Soviet Union, and they (Subject and his wife) immediately (in 1957) sent a letter to him. All correspondence with the father-in-law is carried on in the name of [REDACTED] (III-111), not [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is Ibrahim's nickname, given to him by his mother.

The average number of letters going to and from the Soviet Union amounts to one or two letters monthly. There have been some packages, containing clothing, bed reading, and rags, as well as streptomycin and anti-T.B. pills, the latter for the soldier-in-law, [REDACTED] (III-111). Subject stated that the original letter from the father-in-law contained nothing except the fact that the latter was thankful to be in USSR and was alive only because of the intervention of the Soviet authorities.

Subject said that he censor all outgoing mail which his wife writes to make sure it contains nothing of a political nature. Subject also writes to his brother's (bro) wife, [REDACTED] (III-111), and her two

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Subject stated "I have no other close relatives in the Caucasus. After my evacuation by the Germans, I neither received nor wrote to anyone in my village."

May 1959 rebriefing - Subject made no mention regarding his correspondence with his father-in-law, although he continued corresponding with him in late 1957.

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acca, [REDACTED] (MR-18D) and [REDACTED] (IM-14D). They reside in the [REDACTED]. He first wrote to her wife in early 1958 sending a total of two letters and receiving two in return from her.

On one occasion, Subject inserted a letter for [REDACTED] (IM-14D) in his trunk. [REDACTED] father and Subject's father were cousins. [REDACTED] wrote back to Subject. [REDACTED] was outside of the Soviet Union until 1963, at which time he voluntarily repatriated to the Soviet Union.

Subject also corresponds with [REDACTED] (IM-14D) of Takhtamukai. Subject said [REDACTED] is a sister of Subject's father. Subject exchanged four or five letters with [REDACTED] receiving the last letter five months ago, and answering it two months ago.

A check of I.D. records reflects that [REDACTED] is Subject's sister's (Murat's) married name.

Subject only indicated that this person was a friend and made no mention of his sister. Subject also responded and wrote two letters to [REDACTED] (IM-11D) of Takhtamukai. The latter asked Subject about the whereabouts of his wife's brother in the United States. Subject sent the last letter to this man four days ago.

Subject added that he also had correspondence with [REDACTED] (IM-18D), a woman in Takhtamukai who requested information regarding her relatives in the United States.

SP/IV-3 Debriefing - Reflects
that [REDACTED] is Subject's sister.

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13. Subject stated that he has used his true name and address in all correspondence with his relatives and friends in the U.S.A. When asked why he had not told his Case Officer, or had not mentioned anything about his correspondence during his April 1952 and 12/1953 Debriefings, Subject could not give a logical answer, stating only that he was not aware of specifically about this.

14. Subject's memory was refreshed, and he was told of the contents of the April 1953 and April 1959 debriefings wherein he specifically denies correspondence with anyone in the Soviet Union. Subject admitted, and then stated that he was aware that the U.S. postal authorities censored all mail going to and coming from the USSR and, therefore, deduced that the Agency undoubtedly knew of his correspondence, however, he did not mention this fact to the American intelligence authorities. Subject was informed that, to the examiner's knowledge, no such correspondence censorship by U.S. postal authorities exists. It was obvious to the examiner that Subject was lying, and that he did not inform the American Intelligence authorities of his correspondence with relatives in the USSR because of deliberate intent to deceive.

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

The following are the pertinent questions which were asked of Subject and his answers:

Tests I and II

40. Are you lying about your life story for the period from birth to 1942? No.
41. Are you lying about your life story for the period 1942 to 1945? No.
42. Are you lying about your life story for the period 1945 to 1955? No.
43. Are you lying about your life story for the period 1955 to present? No.

Tests III and IV

3. Are you intentionally withholding from me about any part of your autobiography? No.
4. Are you intentionally withholding anything about your past which occurred prior to 1942? No.

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Tests III and IV (Cont'd)

7. Are you intentionally withholding about your past during 1942 to 1945? No.
8. Except those you mentioned, do you have contact with any person in the Soviet Union about whom you have not yet...? No.
9. In what year were you really born? Answer: 1924.
(Subject was instructed to give the year of birth as an answer.)
10. Were you born in some year other than 1924? No.

Tests V, VI, and VII

31. Have you ever worked for American Intelligence? Yes.
32. Have you ever worked for German Intelligence, i.e., SS or SD? Yes.
- 32a. Have you worked for SS or SD more actively than you told me? No.
33. Have you ever worked for any organs of Soviet Intelligence? No.
34. Have you ever had any contacts with representatives of English Intelligence? No.
35. Did you ever inform on any Circassian to the Germans? No.
36. Do you have current association or secret contacts with anyone connected with Soviet Intelligence? No.
37. Were you ever a Sekret for the Soviets? No.
38. Do you have current association or secret contacts with anyone connected with English Intelligence? No.
- 38a. Were you ever recruited by English Intelligence? No.
- 38b. Did you ever get any money or favors from English Intelligence? No.

Test VIII

11. Were you ever a member of the Pioneers? Answer: Don't know.

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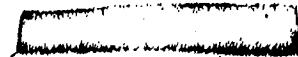
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Test VIII (Contd)

12. Did you submit applications to become a member of the Komintern? Yes.
13. Were you ever accepted into the Komintern? No.
14. Was your brother, [redacted], a member of the Communist Party? No.
15. Were you ever a candidate for or a member of the Communist Party? No.
16. Were you ever a member of Comintor? No.
17. Did you ever engage in underground activities for the Soviet Union? No.
18. When you was talking about your association with your contacts were they Communist type organizations? No.

Part II

100. Have you intentionally withheld any pertinent information about yourself from us? No.
101. Did you tell me the full and complete story about your life in the service unions? Yes.
102. Did you tell any Soviet representative about the AIS training you received at Fort Meade? No.
103. Did you tell me the full truth about your association with English Intelligence? Yes.



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A. SIV/DGSI Debriefing
B. Memorandum to CI Staff

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At this time, on the occasion of the termination of my employment, I hereby reiterate my previously given pledges and promises that I will forever keep as secret any and all information pertaining to the following:

- a) My connection with the United States Government
- b) Any and all activities of the United States Government which have come to my attention in the course of my employment with the United States Government
- c) The identities of any and all persons with whom I have been associated in the course of this employment.

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